

May 15, 2006

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK – NORTH DAKOTA PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL SERVICE

BISMARCK – May 15, 2006 is Peace Officer Memorial Day, honoring the nation's law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, and marks the beginning of National Police Week (May 14-20, 2006).

North Dakota's fallen officers will be remembered in a memorial service on the State Capitol grounds on **Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at 1:30 pm.**

"North Dakota's law enforcement officers protect and serve the communities without regard for their own safety," said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, who will be speaking at the memorial service. "Each year, we pay tribute to peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. To date, fifty-seven North Dakota law enforcement officers have paid this high price in service of their communities, and they will be remembered."

Governor John Hoeven, Supreme Court Justice Daniel Crothers, and United States Attorney Drew Wrigley also will be speaking at the Peace Officer Memorial Service. The Honor Guard will make a presentation of a Memorial Wreath. After reading the Roll Call, the Honor Guard will play Taps, a moving farewell to the fallen heroes. The memorial service, which is open to the public, will be followed by a reception in Judicial Wing Atrium.